

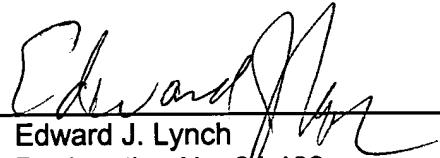
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments.

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and request that they be considered by the Examiner. Copies of the cited foreign patent documents and the other documents references listed in the attached PTO-1449 form are enclosed herewith.

Applicants believe that the pending claims define patentable subject matter and respectfully request consideration and an early allowance.

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